

Appl. No. 09/724,784
Amdt. dated October 20, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 22, 2003

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REMARKS

Claims 6-10 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 1-5 and 11-30 have been canceled.

In the office action mailed September 11, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement between the following groups of claims:

Group I claims 1-5 drawn to composite structures;

Group II claims 6-10 drawn to composite structures;

Group III claims 11-19 drawn to methods of fabrication;

Group IV claims 20-23 drawn to methods of microfabrication; and

Group V claims 24-30 drawn to methods of forming a composite structure.

Applicants hereby elect Group II claims 6-10 without traverse. Accordingly, non-elected claims 1-5 and 11-30 are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing a divisional application drawn thereto.

As Group II claims have been elected, as requested by the latest office action Applicants hereby identify the following disclosed species for prosecution on the merits:
an active device interacting with the flexible membrane portion.

The following elected claims are readable upon this species: claims 6-10.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully asserted that the application as amended is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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